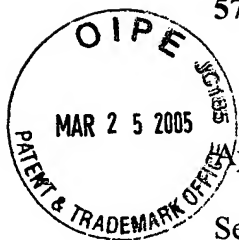


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RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the first Office Action of February 28, 2005, which imposed a restriction requirement.

Filing and entering of the preliminary amendment on August 3, 2004, which amended claim 14 and added new claim 25, is noted and appreciated.

Please amend this application as follows: